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Theater camp stages 'Annie' Saturday afternoon

Dodger the dog looks lethargic as Alex Unruh, playing the role of Hooks, as she sings "Tomorrow" in rehearsal for the SAP production of the musical "Annie," set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the MACC Theatre. GP photo/Rachel Cabrera

Show features dogs, children, comedy, music

By MICHAEL COLEMAN
• Leader & Times

Whether or not this weekly-canceled cloudy weather clears up, Liberal and Seward County residents will be in for a ...

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This painting hangs in the front gallery at Baker Arts Center as part of the "Pastel Artists of Baker Easter Pastures Exhibit" that is now on display. Courtesy photo

Baker Arts exhibits local senior citizens' art

By ROBERT PEACE
• Leader & News

Seniors in the Liberal community have been given the chance in recent history to further their talents through a class offered through Seward County Community College at the Liberal Senior Center.

Some of the paintings from that class are now on display at the Baker Arts Center in the "Pastel Artists of Baker Easter Pastures Exhibit." Makers Diane Walsh said about 25 students are participating in the class, which is taught by Phyllis Friesen, teacher at the senior center.

Jan Smith of Baker Arts said one of the artists in the exhibit, Jay Hinson, just started painting two years ago and she has been amazed at the talent.

Smith said others, such as Hinson, have been painting and taken art courses and have painted for many years.

"It's a collaboration of all of

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Leadership program helps students better their community

By VICTORIA CALDERON
• Leader & News

Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership is a program that has served to build and inspire young leaders since 1958. Seminars are conducted around the world, and students between their sophomore and junior years are chosen to either ...

In the United States, seminars are held in all 50 states. Seminars at Liberal High School mark the ...

This year, HOBY Kansas was conducted here Thursday, May 30 through Saturday, June 1 at Seward County ... Two students, Vanessa Dandelion and Richard Calderon, had the honor of being chosen as ambassadors for this leadership seminar.

Both ambassadors were required to apply for HOBY because they were chosen by their peers. Vanessa Dandelion said, "I've always been kind of a leader, even if I don't want to be leading. I realized I needed to be able to set a good example of the ... that's why I wanted to attend."

Richard Calderon said he wanted to better both, and also wanted to lead ways to strengthen her youth group ... "That's kind of how I feel most, of course, to get new skills to bring back to my school and to my peers, and ... ways to use that to share Christ as well," she stated.

Both had similar experiences with changes here but Ms. Arthur said these two students are no exception. Calderon discussed his own transformation.

"I was just kind of shy around everybody," he said. "I was scared ... [and] ... I've changed that."

"I learned that, if I have to meet ... I can do it," Calderon said. "I learned that I'm not outgoing," he added.

The two sophomores learned and adapted new skills over the weekend

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Richard Calderon, left, and Vanessa Dandelion attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership seminar. The seminar is a fun and challenging way to encourage young leaders to better themselves and their communities. Both of these students were chosen as ambassadors to represent Liberal High School at the year's seminar. Courtesy photo